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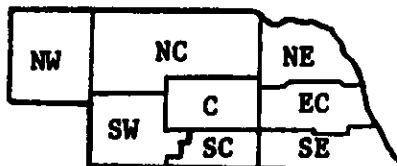
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WEATHER

Temperatures were three to five degrees above normal across the State. Rain starting at midweek was common with amounts near one-fourth inch in the west and one to one and one-half inches in the east and southeast.

GENERAL

The week began clear and dry with crop producers busy harvesting row crops. The weather changed by midweek bringing damp, foggy conditions which lasted into the weekend over much of the State. Crop producers then turned their attention to other activities, such as repairing equipment and tending livestock needs. Grain elevator operators took advantage of the harvest break by moving and drying grain to make more room for storage. Sugar beet producers in the Panhandle were hoping to resume harvest over the weekend with approximately two-thirds of the crop already harvested. Most of the dry bean crop has been harvested except for acreage in the northern Panhandle. The number of days suitable for fieldwork was 3.6.

Topsoil moisture rated 28% adequate and 72% surplus, while subsoil moisture supplies rated 63% adequate and 37% surplus. A year ago, topsoil moisture rated 2% short, 72% adequate and 26% surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 9% short, 77% adequate and 14% surplus.

CROPS

Winter wheat condition rated 1% poor, 12% fair, 69% good and 18% excellent. Virtually all of the winter wheat has now emerged. A few wheat producers in the southeast would still like to get some winter wheat planted on acres which have been too wet. Some leaf rust has appeared on wheat in eastern fields due to the very wet conditions.

Corn harvested for grain advanced slowly to 40%, compared to 25% last year and 45% average. Corn producers who harvested high moisture corn, which had sprouted kernels on the ear, were checking bins to see if kernel growth was still occurring. Harvesting was most advanced in south central counties.

Soybeans harvested progressed to 65%, same as the average, but far ahead of 40% last year. Progress was most advanced in the south central and central areas.

Sorghum harvested moved ahead to 45%, compared to 40% a year ago and 45% average. Producers in south central counties had nearly two-thirds of their crop harvested.

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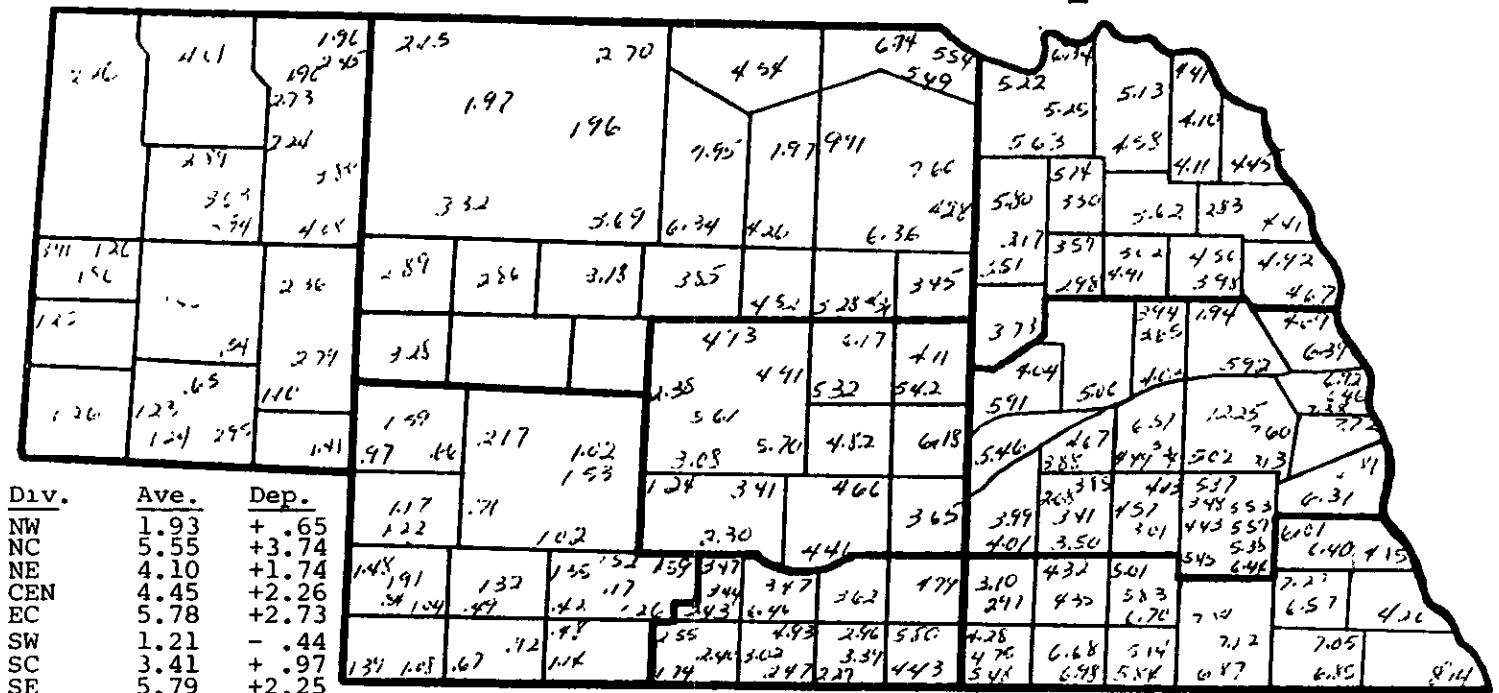
Pasture and range feed supplies rated mostly adequate. Cattle producers continued weaning calves and moving cattle to stalks. Feedlots were muddy due to the recent rains. Hog producers took advantage of the wet weather to market hogs.

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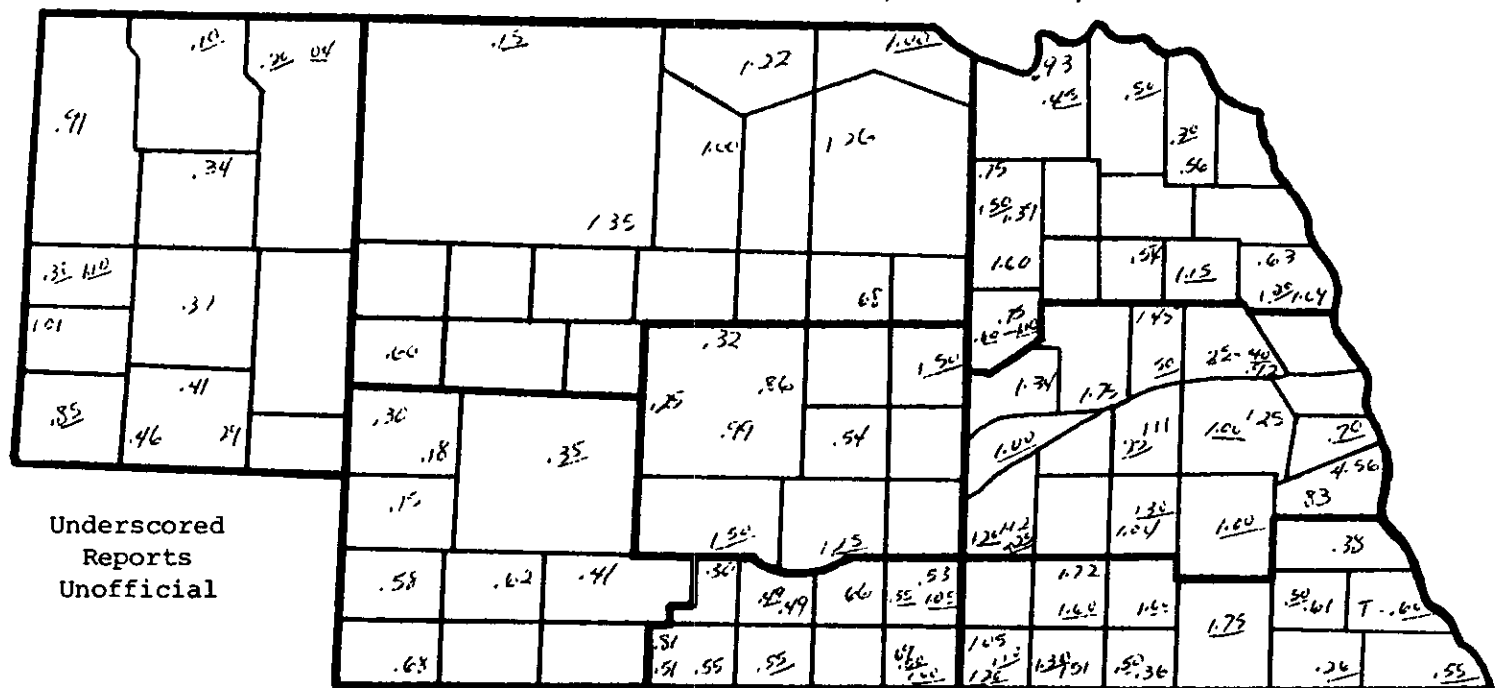
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PRECIPITATION MAP FOR MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 1986 1/



1/ Courtesy of the Center for Agricultural Meteorology and Climatology, Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources, The University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24, 1986



TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26, 1986

Station		Temperature			Precipitation
		Extremes		Mean	Departure
		Max	Min		
NW	Chadron	70	35	52	--
	Scottsbluff	72	31	50	+3
	Sidney	--	--	--	--
NC	Ord	70	45	53	--
	Valentine	73	35	51	+5
NE	Norfolk	75	37	54	+5
	Sioux City	78	48	56	+7
CEN	Grand Island	71	42	53	+3
EC	Lincoln	73	46	55	+4
	Omaha	73	47	55	+4
SW	Imperial	63	33	52	--
	North Platte	70	33	52	+5

1/ Precipitation totals not included in map above.